GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3871
ANSWERED ON:17.08.2000
VACANT POSTS OF JUDGES IN HIGH COURTS
JASWANT SINGH BISHNOI;SUKDEO PASWAN

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of posts of judges are lying vacant in various High Courts in the country, State-wise;

(b) the time by which these are likely to be filled;

(c) whether the number of posts of judges in the High Courts are likely to be increased, particularly in Rajasthan and Delhi High Courts;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which these posts are likely to be increased?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) AN MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS. (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) (SHR JAITLEY):

(a) and (b): The requisite information is given in the enclosed statement. The filling up of vacancies in the High Courts is a continuous consultative process among the Constitutional authorities. While every effort is made to fill up the vacancies expeditiously, it is not possible to indicate a time-frame by which these vacancies could be filled up.

(c), (d) & (e) : The Government has agreed to the creation of 52 new posts in various High Courts, other than Andhra Pradesh, Bombay, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Madras, Rajasthan and Sikkim, which would be formally sanctioned at the time of filling them up. The 52 new posts include two in Delhi High Court.

STATEMENT IN REPLY TO PARTS (a), (c) AND (d) OF THE RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3871 FOR 17.8. REGARDING VACANT POSTS OF JUDGES IN HIGH COURTS.

Position as on 14.08.2000

Sl.No. HIGH COURT Vavancies in the sanctioned Strength

1. Allahabad 19

2. Andhra Pradesh 12

3. Bombay 16

4. Calcutta 15

5. Delhi 5
6. Gauhati 6

7 Gujarat 2

8. Himachal Pradesh 2

9. Jammu & Kashmir 5
10. Karnataka 6
11. Kerala 5
12. Madhya Pradesh 8

13. Madras 11
14. Orissa 3
15. Patna 10
16. Punjab & Haryana 7
17. Rajasthan 12
18. Sikkim 1

Total 145